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SUBJECT:1976 PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR THE YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

REF: STATE 100642; BELGRADE 3376

1. BILLINGTON OF BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS HAS
RAISED FURTHER OBJECTION TO AYEC PROGRAM PROPOSAL ON WHICH
DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY COMMENTS. BILLINGTON
"CANNOT APPROVE A PROGRAM WITH SUCH MINIMAL SUPPORT FOR
THE HUMANITIES AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--AND NO JUSTIFICATION
OF WHY THESE PRIORITIES PERSIST SINCE THERE IS 'NOT...A
LACK OF INTEREST'".

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE DEPARTMENT 1) WHETHER THERE
IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO RAISE THIS OBJECTION WITH AYEC AND
2) WHETHER THERE IS REASONABLE CHANCE OF PERSUADING AYEC
TO MODIFY PROGRAM PROPOSED ALONG LINES INDICATED OR

ALTERNATIVELY TO OBTAIN STRONG STATEMENT THAT FUTURE
PROGRAM WILL BE SO MODIFIED.

3. IF EMBASSY JUDGMENT ON FOREGOING IS NEGATIVE, PROVIDE
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DEPARTMENT WITH JUSTIFICATION OF PRESENT PROGRAM WHICH

WILL ADDRESS OBJECTION BILLINGTON RAISES. KISSINGER

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